



PTSA General Board Meeting Minutes September 22, 2020

Call to order 6:00 pm

Attendance – Kathryn McAllister, Brooke Skyrme, Alicia Jackson, Mrs. Deihl, Bridget Turner, Caryl White, Zehra Ghori, Sue Williams, Pavithra Narayan, Cathleen and Rachel Lenderman, Amanda Freudenthal, Vanessa Calderon, L Harris

Introductions: Caryl White – President, Brooke Skyrme – Treasurer, Alicia Jackson – VP Communications, Bridget Turner – VP of Events, Kathryn McAllister – Secretary,

A. **Treasurer’s Report:** Brooke Skyrme

1. Review and approval of Budget

- proposed budget report for the year \$15,000
- areas where we are slotted to spend and make money
- cash balance total
- we have line items to prepare for the eventuality of students returning to school
- viewed and discussed the treasurer’s report
- Alicia proposed that we increase line item 214 so that we have more funds to provide incentives to students who join PTSA (suggestion of social-distanced activity in the parking lot) – as per Mrs. Diehl we are not allowed to have in-person events at the school due to current conditions.
- question about “Living History” funds by Sue Williams (sponsored by Mr. Fontaine)
- moved \$350 from School Morale Boosters line 207 to 214 to make that total \$500 (student PTSA member activities)
- Bridget Turner made a motion to approve the budget, Sue Williams seconded, 2020-2021 is approved by a 5/7 vote
- Budget will be posted on our website moving forward

B. Officer's Reports

1. President's Report: Caryl White

- Are going to go ahead with PROWL – 5 days instead of 10, catalogue is going to be available on October 4 and registration for PTSA members October 11 and then will be open to the public October 12
- Sale of spirit wear are going slowly – continue to put it out in the Sunday blasts as well as Facebook

2. Principal's Report: Niki Diehl

- Spirit wear can be added to our Monday distribution days to increase sales
- Week 3 of distance learning – advocating for DES support back in our buildings
- Focus on moto- unity, authenticity and intentionality
- True equity team – lead by Ms. Desiree Moore
- All staff was circle trained during PD this summer – discussion techniques with equity in mind
- MAP – video will go out this week instructing both parents and students on how to participate in MAP testing at home
- We want to ensure that Mercer remains a school with no COVID findings, total students beginning back in October is 6
- Spotlighting the celebrations of ROAR students
- Please continue to tweet pictures of distance learning so we can add them to our distance learning yearbook
- We are going to continue doing morning announcements
- Shout out to Mrs. Williams who was out distributing books through the Book Bus

C. New Business

1. Fundraising

- Taco Tuesday at Moes (typically these kind of spirit nights generate \$50 or \$100)
- there is a parent who is willing to be a fundraising chair who was not able to attend tonight's meeting
- virtual movie night – pre-sell Mercer popcorn bucket to be distributed on Mondays etc
- virtual BINGO
- Escape rooms
- Amanda F is testing a virtual game night with a client and will report back on its success after the event

2. Reflections – looking for someone to head this activity – advertising, working with the Reflections PTA liaison

D. Any other Business

- Financial Review/Audit Report is in paper only copy
- Brooke displayed the audit and talked it through for all attendees at the meeting
- reconciliation is \$1 off for the entire year, Brooke was unable to find that \$1
- \$1854 worth of checks were not cashed and therefore carried over from last year's PROWL
- Sue Williams made a motion to approve, Kathryn McAllister seconded, 6/10 voted to approve, no one voted no, 2019-2020 audit was approved

E. Adjournment

7:15 pm meeting adjourned

Next meeting in October